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"AN ACT CONCERNING INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) Upon receiving a request from a federally
4 recognized Indian tribe to enter into negotiations to establish or amend
5 a Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of gaming activities in
6 this state pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulation Act (25
7 USC 2701 et seq.), the Governor shall (1) negotiate in good faith with
8 the Indian tribe, and (2) develop a municipal impact compensation
9 plan in accordance with subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section.

10 (b) The Governor shall develop the municipal impact compensation
11 plan after consulting with the chief executive officers of (1) each
12 municipality in which a gaming facility is to be located under the
13 compact, (2) each municipality contiguous to such municipality, and
14 (3) any other municipality which is a member of the same regional
15 planning agency or regional council of governments as a municipality

16 included in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

17 (c) The plan shall include an assessment of the anticipated direct
18 impact that the gaming activities governed by the compact will have
19 on such municipalities and shall establish an asset sharing formula
20 under which a portion of the funds the state receives pursuant to the
21 compact shall be used to compensate affected municipalities. In
22 developing the plan, the Governor shall consider:

23 (1) The direct impact of the gaming activities on municipal
24 operations, including, but not limited to, increased costs for (A) public
25 safety, (B) emergency services, (C) sewage treatment requirements, (D)
26 social services, and (E) additional government administration;

27 (2) The direct impact on education costs attributable to the increased
28 enrollment of children of employees of gaming facilities covered by the
29 compact, including, but not limited to, increased costs to (A) hire
30 teachers, (B) provide special education services, (C) provide education
31 services for non-English-speaking students, (D) purchase classroom
32 supplies, (E) provide school transportation, and (F) provide classroom
33 space; and

34 (3) The direct impact of the gaming activities on transportation,
35 including, but not limited to, increased costs for (A) local roads, rail,
36 bus and ferry, (B) road maintenance, and (C) traffic control.

37 (d) The plan shall also include (1) an assessment of the anticipated
38 impact that the gaming activities governed by the compact will have
39 on chronic gambling in the state, and (2) recommendations for
40 mitigating such impact, including, but not limited to, prevention,
41 treatment and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. As used in
42 this subsection, "chronic gambling" means gambling by persons who
43 are chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the
44 urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that compromises,
45 disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational interests.

46 (e) The Governor may hire consultants, within available

47 appropriations, to assist in the negotiation and preparation of the
48 compact or amendment, and to assist in the preparation of the plan.

49 (f) Not later than ten days after the date of execution of any compact
50 or amendment to a compact between the state of Connecticut and an
51 Indian tribe, the Governor shall file the compact or amendment and
52 legislation to implement the plan with the clerks of the House of
53 Representatives and the Senate.

54 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) After receiving the implementing legislation and
55 the compact or amendment submitted pursuant to section 1 of this act,
56 the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall (1) refer
57 the compact or amendment to the joint standing committee of the
58 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
59 government administration, and (2) refer the implementing legislation
60 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
61 cognizance of matters relating to government administration,
62 appropriations, public safety and planning and development.

63 (b) (1) The joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
64 cognizance of matters relating to government administration shall hold
65 a hearing on the compact or amendment not later than thirty days after
66 receiving the compact or amendment. The committee may seek input
67 from other committees or members of the General Assembly. Not later
68 than five days after the hearing, the committee shall report the
69 compact or amendment and any recommended amendments to the
70 General Assembly.

71 (2) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
72 cognizance of matters relating to government administration,
73 appropriations, public safety and planning and development shall
74 hold a hearing on the implementing legislation not later than thirty
75 days after receiving the legislation. Not later than five days after the
76 hearing, the committees shall report the implementing legislation and
77 any recommended amendments to the General Assembly.

78 (c) The General Assembly may approve the compact or amendment,

79 in whole, by a majority vote of each house or may reject such compact
80 or amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of either house. If rejected,
81 the compact or amendment shall not be valid and shall not be
82 implemented. The compact or amendment shall be deemed rejected if
83 the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject the compact or
84 amendment (1) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the
85 General Assembly during which such compact or amendment is filed,
86 (2) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the General
87 Assembly first following the date on which such compact or
88 amendment is filed if the General Assembly is not in regular session on
89 such date, or (3) prior to the adjournment of a special session convened
90 before the next regular session of the General Assembly for the
91 purpose of considering such compact or amendment if the General
92 Assembly is not in regular session on the date on which such compact
93 or amendment is filed, except that, if the compact or amendment is
94 filed less than thirty days before the end of a regular session, the
95 General Assembly may vote to approve or reject the compact or
96 amendment (A) not later than thirty days after the first day of a special
97 session convened before the next regular session of the General
98 Assembly for the purpose of considering such compact or amendment,
99 or (B) not later than thirty days after the first day of the next regular
100 session of the General Assembly.

101 Sec. 3. Section 3-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the
102 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

103 (a) [Within] Not later than ten days after the date of execution of
104 any compact or amendment to a compact between the state of
105 Connecticut and another state, [or an Indian tribe,] the Governor shall
106 file such compact or amendment with the clerks of the House of
107 Representatives and the Senate.

108 (b) The General Assembly may approve such compact or
109 amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of each house or may reject
110 such compact or amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of either
111 house. If rejected, the compact or amendment shall not be valid and

112 shall not be implemented. The compact or amendment shall be
113 deemed rejected if the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or
114 reject the compact or amendment (1) prior to the adjournment of the
115 regular session of the General Assembly during which such compact
116 or amendment is filed, (2) prior to the adjournment of the regular
117 session of the General Assembly first following the date on which such
118 compact or amendment is filed if the General Assembly is not in
119 regular session on such date, or (3) prior to the adjournment of a
120 special session convened before the next regular session of the General
121 Assembly for the purpose of considering such compact or amendment
122 if the General Assembly is not in regular session on the date on which
123 such compact or amendment is filed, [provided,] except that if the
124 compact or amendment is filed less than thirty days before the end of a
125 regular session, the General Assembly may vote to approve or reject
126 the compact or amendment (A) [within] not later than thirty days after
127 the first day of a special session convened before the next regular
128 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such
129 compact or amendment, or (B) [within] not later than thirty days after
130 the first day of the next regular session of the General Assembly. "